

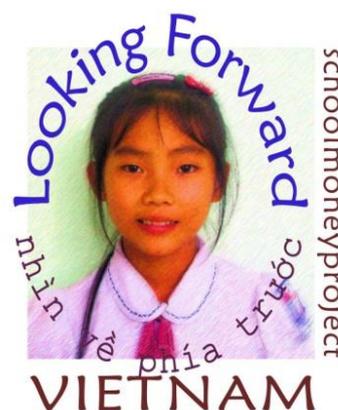
Newsletter 14, 7 December 2015

Dear sponsors and friends of school money project

FOUNDATION LOOKING-FORWARD

According to Dutch princess Mabel of Orange, every year a girl goes to school, she will be able to earn 10% more money in life. According to this statement of Mabel and her organization 'Girls Not Brides', we doing are very well!

Our school money project makes it possible for some girls-in-need, but also for boys, to go to school and become educated. Because of this, the children get a better base to start their adult life. Therefore, Looking-Forward school money project is not just a charity, but of big importance for already 84 children. Also, 'Achieve Universal Primary Education' is one of the eight millennium development goals of the United Nations.



The limited financial support (costs of school), combined with preparation to self-reliance of the L-F students, works. An Englishman, called Steve Martin, noticed this. He asked us to participate in our project. We allow everyone with the right intentions, to join in helping children in need. From November 2015 Steve and his friends are taking care of the costs of 7 students of the Cao Thang secondary school.

Until August 2016 Steve can count on full support from the current L-F management. From the next school year 2016-2017 on, he is going to take care of the administration himself and Looking-Forward United Kingdom will exist.

At this moment we are paying the school costs of 84 children in need (including the 7 Cao Thang children). This is mostly done on 7 schools located in the suburbs of Nha Trang, Vinh Hiep and in the villages of the adjacent town of Dien Khanh. Our foundation supports a maximum of 10 students per school with an exception of the Hoa Hoang Tham high school. When the students finish secondary school at different schools, they all go to this school to attend the last 3 years of regular education.

Looking Forward has become an official foundation. The Dutch tax authorities have given our foundation the appointment 'Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling' (ANBI-status). In English this is 'Charitable aiming institution'.

We thought it would be better if the foundation would also be better organised in Vietnam. Until now our foundation worked on an individual base with the 7 connected schools.

The Vietnamese government has given us permission to work with/on their governmental schools. They only want us to work together with the local government and the management of the schools. Because of this, we wanted to secure this necessary co-operation.

On 29 August 2015, while I was in Nha Trang with my daughter Vincy for our yearly visit, manager Hiep arranged a meeting with the management of all 7 schools and the local government (Chairman of Vinh Ngoc Social Committee). We clearly explained the goals and conditions of our foundation and also what we expect of the management of the schools. These conditions and



requirements are to be found on our website, menu 'Stichting'.

Local government representative Mr. My wanted to be assured that our school money project does not interfere with politics and religion. It was very nice for us and for Hiep that this question was answered by the managing directors of the Dien Dien and the Tran Quang Khai school. They confirmed that we do not interfere with these subjects.

Vincy and I visited all 7 schools and met all Looking-Forward children from 22 August until 21 September. We attended the extra English classes for high school students that L-F manager Hiep teaches. With some of these students we went out for an English day and visited a museum. We have talked, sung and eaten on the beach of Nha Trang.

We said goodbye to 7 students, because they graduated from high school.

Thuy, Hanh, Ngan, Nhi, Loan, Du and Nhan each got 2 million Dong (\pm 80 euro) to start their next (vocational) education. Our foundation does not support this next education financially, because

the children go to many different schools. The costs of this education is high and the result insecure. At that time the children reach an age of about 18 years old and have to find a small job to pay these costs, like any other student. Our foundation has helped them to get to this point; now they have to do it themselves. We do promise them that they can always ask us for help, in case of troubles. They will always be 'our' children!



7 Students leaving means 7 new students for the connected schools. Next to this, our foundation had some spare money for more students in need. This is possible because of some important gifts (car dealer Scheerders and Jan van Gool). After deliberation we decided to grow with 8 children to a responsible 77 children. This meant Vincy and I had to visit 15 children to check their living conditions. 14 Times we have said YES. To 1 proposed child in need we had to say NO. The mother of this girl (Tuyet Phuong) has recently died and her father is being treated in an expensive hospital, seriously ill. Because of this, there is no income. But although this is a bad situation, the living conditions (with her grandmother) are fairly well. She lives in a fine house with all basic needs.



All of our other children live in a hovel with minimal needs. That is why we have asked the management of the Nguyen Du school to propose another student. They proposed Trong Dat. The 12-year old boy lives in a house without a kitchen, no washing room and no toilet; everything needs to be done outside. The house is filled with chicken and ducks. His mother sells fruit and vegetables at the market.



Another new student is the 11-year old Nhu Quynh, also from Nguyen Du school. We were a little scared when we first met this girl. Quynh has the same severe physical limitation as 'our' Huyen Thu. Huyen Thu has passed away in May this year. A couple of days before we met Quynh, Hiep and I have visited the parents of the deceased Thu to bring them a book of photos. This book consists of photos of their daughter we have made during the last 5 years. At the start she was still at Mac Dinh Chi school, later on she became more weak and stayed more at home.

Probably Quynh faces the same future. She now can walk a little and she goes to school (6th class). She has the same soft voice as Huyen Thu when she says 'Thank You'.

We are grateful that we may pay the school money for this unfortunate girl. Hopefully Quynh can join the Looking-Forward club for many years. We have decided to use the big donation, given at the funeral of our friend / my colleague Jan van Gool, to support Nhu Quynh to go to school. Jan would definitely agree on this.

In recent times, hundreds of thousands of people from many countries have left their hometome / country to find a better life in Europe, after a long and dangerous journey. A lot of insecurities and troubles exist because of this. Let us try to make every person happy in their own country and surroundings, and offer them a better future. This starts with the health and education of children. Our school money project willingly contributes to this goal.

Financial accountability

On 2 December 2015 an amount of € 7.448,16 is on the bank account of Looking Forward (*including pre-paid schoolmoney*).

During the schoolyear 2015-2016 the foundation financially supports 84 students = 49 girls and 35 boys.

73 Of them have a personal sponsor. Still 11 students are available for support.

Private costs are administrated separatly from Looking Forward money.

It is possible for all sponsors to have insight in the administration of Looking Forward.

The policy and the statutes of the foundation are published on the L-F-website.

Thank you for supporting school money project Looking Forward in Vietnam,

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2016

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